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Mr. Bharat Mathur
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77 West Jackson Boulevard
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Re: Redesignation Petition and Maintenance
Plan for Sulfur Dioxide Attainment in
Lake County, Indiana; Final Submittal

Dear Mr. Mathur:

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) prepared a Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan for Lake County, Indiana, in reference to the sulfur dioxide (SO₂) air quality standard, and submitted it to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) with a request for parallel processing on June 21, 2005. On July 6, 2005, IDEM submitted the final documentation for the request for approval of the Lake County Sulfur Dioxide Limitations into the State Implementation Plan (SIP). U.S. EPA published the proposed approval of both the SIP revision and the Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan on July 29, 2005 (70 FR 43820).

IDEM conducted a public hearing concerning the Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan on July 26, 2005. The public comment period concluded on July 29, 2005. No comments were received.

This submittal of the final documentation for the Redesignation Petition and Maintenance Plan includes the following:

- Publishers affidavits for the public hearing
- Transcript of the public hearing

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IDEM requests that the U.S. EPA proceed with final review and approval of this submittal. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Christine Pedersen, Air Programs Branch at (317)233-6868.

Sincerely,

Thomas W. Easterly
Commissioner

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